

of that night, he will not likely ever forget. The tramps first robbed him of his money and then stripped him of all his clothing. In a nude condition he was forced to stand up in a corner of the cell all night. With razors the drunken wretches would approach their shivering victim and with terrible cuts slash at him and threaten to cut his heart out and carve him to pieces. This was kept up most of the night and toward morning they conspired to murder the man. They would dress him up, cut his throat and put a razor in his hand so as to leave the impression that he committed suicide. They did not carry out the plot, however, but they told the man if he ever said anything about what they had done to him they would kill him. In the morning when the blockhead officer came the stranger told him all about the horrible night he had spent.

Millard Progress: Wednesday night about 12:30, while some 175 people were enjoying themselves at the hall in Kanosh, in tripping the light fantastic, a fight was taking place just outside the door, and before anybody could interfere blood was flowing freely. The participants were T. A. Barratt, who has been posing as a pugilist since his arrival at Kanosh about a year ago, and J. T. Charlesworth. For some reason, Barratt wanted to fight with Charlesworth, and after some preliminary talk they got together. After fighting a few minutes Charlesworth cried out that his opponent was using a knife, and the half dozen persons witnessing the affair, parted them. Charlesworth staggered inside the hall and fainted. Upon examination, it was found that his suspenders and shirt were cut on the left side; on the right side the blade had penetrated to the ribs, and the most serious cut was found on the neck, being about three inches long and three-quarters of an inch deep. If the cut on the neck had been an inch lower it would have proved fatal—severing the jugular. Constable Kendall arrested Barratt and his preliminary hearing will be held Friday at 2 o'clock.

Mammoth Record: On Friday morning the 3-year-old child of John McNeil died of scarlet fever and rumor says that there are several other cases. Mike McGloin caught his hand in the cable of the concentrate car at the Mammoth mill last Friday and as a result is minus a finger. The injured member was dressed by Dr. Addlemar. John France, a colored miser at Diamond, was arrested last week on the complaint of Chas. D. Stockwell charged with violent disturbing of the peace, and appeared before Judge Goodrick. The hearing of the case was set for the 14th.

WAYNE STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Wayne Stake convened at Loa, Wayne county, Nov. 28 and 29th, 1896. There were present of the quorum of Apostles, Anthon H. Lund; of the presiding quorum of Seventies, Seymour B. Young; the Stake presidency and a good representation of Bishops and High Councilors and Patriarch E. H. Blackburn; Elder W. E. Robison, president of Stake, presiding.

After the usual opening exercises President W. E. Robison gave a good report of the Stake. He regretted there was much sickness in Fremont valley; the people in the eastern part of the Stake have suffered heavy losses from the recent floods; he hoped the Saints of the western portion of the Stake would lend a helping hand and assist those who are in need. Elders H. M. Hansen and G. S. Bastian confirmed the report of President Robison and expressed themselves as feeling well in their labors. Elder John Giles said we are a privileged people to live in the dispensation when God has restored the fullness of His Gospel, and all the gifts and blessings enjoyed by former day Saints. We should walk in the fear of God and train our children in righteousness. Elder Seth Taft spoke upon the subject of prophecy, showing that God has fulfilled the predictions of His servants.

2 p. m.—The Loa, Thurber, Teasdale and Cainesville wards were reported by Bishops M. W. Mansfield, George Coleman, Benj. F. Brown and H. E. Hanke, in good condition. Elder Seymour B. Young addressed the Saints at length upon the subject of health, Church government and the necessity of men holding the holy Priesthood being possessed of an obedient and humble spirit. Elder Anthon H. Lund read from the Prophet Isaiah and discoursed upon the subjects of fasting and prayer, charity and the duties we owe to our fellowmen.

Sunday morning all the departments of the Sunday school met in joint session. After the opening exercises, roll call and minutes, Sacrament was administered and while this was being passed around Elder Joseph Eckersley spoke upon the atonement and asked the children some questions bearing on the same. Elder Anthon H. Lund said he knew of no better place to be on Sunday morning than at the Sunday school; teachers in the Sunday school can be engaged in no greater work; every time we partake of the sacrament we make a solemn covenant with God which we should remember to always keep. The speaker then asked the children some questions about the latter-day Prophets and beautifully explained the meaning of a Prophet, Seer and Revelator, Apostle, Bishop and Patriarch, etc. He presented the general officers of the Church and they were unanimously sustained by all the Sunday school children and the Saints present. Elder Seymour B. Young said he wanted to give the children an object lesson; he sought to impress upon their minds that the previous speaker was a living Apostle of the Lord Jesus; he then read from the Book of Mormon, 3rd Nephi 18th chapter, which relates the manner in which Jesus administered the Sacrament to His ancient disciples, and contrasted this mode, which is the one followed by the Latter-day Saints, with that employed by the aborigines when Mexico was discovered. He advised that when the roll is called every officer of the Sunday school answer by quoting some passage of Scripture.

Afternoon session, 2 p. m.—After Sacrament was administered, President Willis E. Robison presented the general and local authori-

ties, all of whom were sustained by unanimous vote. Elder Anthon H. Lund read from section 107 of the Book of Doctrine and Covenants, and discoursed upon the orders and powers of the holy Priesthood, plainly showing the duties of the various offices in that Priesthood. He referred to the disunion existing among the different denominations of the day, read from the New Testament concerning the organization of Christ's Church and showed that the same organization existed today and that the true Church of Christ had been given to the world in the last days. Elder Seymour B. Young bore testimony to the truth of Elder Lund's declarations. He referred to the atheistic doctrines extant and showed how utterly absurd are many of the theories advanced by sceptics of the day. He then dwelt upon the relationship that exists between man and his Creator, demonstrating that man is the offspring of the Deity, the Son of the Eternal Father, sent to earth to perform a work necessary that he may attain a fullness of celestial glory. The speaker bore a strong testimony to the divine mission of Joseph Smith, and invoked the blessing of God upon his hearers.

Elder W. E. Robison made a few closing remarks, thanking the brethren for their visit and exhorting the Saints to diligence.

JOSEPH ECKERSLEY,
Stake Clerk.

ELDER SORENSON'S EXPERIENCE.

COLUMBUS, Ind. Nov. 17, 1896.

At our September conference last, Elder Archibald and I were assigned to come to this place to open up a new field; and I take pleasure in giving a brief account of our treatment, etc., that it may encourage my fellow laborers who may be sent to new fields.

On our arrival here we had no difficulty in finding plenty of friends who were willing to entertain us. We find many of the people anxious to learn about the people who are located in the mountains and are an ensign to the nations of the earth, as the ancient prophets foretold. It is customary here to feed preachers on the fat of the land, especially on chicken, and the beauty of it is they make no distinction in sect or creed, so we always get plenty to eat. We have made many friends here and already there are several influential men investigating the Gospel. President Spencer promised us at conference if we would go relying upon the Lord we should not want, and we have proven it to be true; and we know if we are faithful in keeping the commandments of the Lord and following out our instructions we shall not want for the necessities of life, because the same God lives today as in days of yore and is ever ready to provide for His servants. The people are beginning to look at the Latter-day Saints in a different light, and the spirit of prejudice is being crushed, and it is hoped that the day will come when truth will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

ERASTUS D. SORENSON.

California has in the neighborhood of 25,000 acres in almond orchards.